

House Resolution No. 3461

Whereas, it is special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Josephine Graf, a treasured resident of St. Charles Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on June 30, 2004; and

Whereas, Josephine Graf came into this world in Clark County on June 30, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Lynn and Lala Hume, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Josephine received her education at Kirksville State Teachers College (Truman State University) and played an integral role in the educational development of several Missouri youngsters as a teacher in Scotland County and in the City of Hazelwood; and

Whereas, on June 15, 1927, Josephine embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Edwin Plenge, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his untimely passing from this world; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Josephine later enjoyed a rewarding marriage with her second husband, Chris Graf, with whom she shared her life for many years; and

Whereas, Josephine Graf has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her three children, Anna Kirkpatrick, Jean Plenge, and Robert Plenge; her two stepchildren, Janet Ralph and Rich Graf; and her fifteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Josephine Graf faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Josephine Graf as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Josephine Graf, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____

Representative Vicki A. Schneider

District No. 17

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3461, adopted June 23, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker